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Well done -
Thanks

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Journalism is not compatible with intelligence work.

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P-Hitt, Dick

CIA 4.01 JOURNALISM

SOC 4.01.1 Time, Inc

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mag. here. (know) the local news
all --- fairly funny treatment

memo concluded with a stern admonition from the news service to the effect that in case their information is wrong, and that there were some correspondents acting as spies, then the company would like to be informed, since it was grounds for immediate dismissal.

REASON I am bringing this up is because I believe Time and Cosmopolitan and National Swine Breeder and other media organizations are wrong in their opposition having their staff writers work for the CIA.

might add that it doesn't work too well the other way, when the CIA works for the media. The resident CIA in Balch Springs used to be one of my principal contacts, back a couple of years ago when I was printing a lot of stuff.

Our country comes first, and the media should do whatever it can to make sure that our intelligence community has accurate data, and incompatible intelligence.

In fact, I can think of several writers right here in Texas, especially the political analysts, whose reports would be of considerable value to the CIA. If somebody like our gazette's columnist, who understands Texas politics, could educate me to the point where it understood Dolph Briscoe, the Lly-Yarborough feud, the intrigue on the Commissioner and the machinations of the City Council, then it would be a good idea to let them play for them to unravel the simple gambits of the sheikhs, the Chilean juntas and the Soviet Praesidium. They could learn what makes a county judge tick, our CIA would find Chou En-lai a pushover.

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